

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Jim Inhofe
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee

Dear Chairman Smith, Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Thornberry, and Ranking Member Reed:

Thank you for your efforts to enhance the 21st Century military America needs by passing the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) out of the House and Senate. As you go to conference, we request that you maintain language from the bipartisan, bicameral Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act (USE IT Act) as part of the final bill text.

Inclusion of USE IT in the final NDAA will establish new research and development for carbon capture and utilization technologies - critical tools in managing the risks to military operations, installations, and readiness related to a changing climate. These climate related, national security risks have been identified by the Department of Defense and many experts have validated that combating climate change necessitates the use of carbon capture and direct air capture technologies.

Maintaining the USE IT Act language contained in the Senate bill will mitigate potential climate impacts and promote U.S. innovation in clean technologies. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



SCOTT PETERS
Member of Congress



DAVID MCKINLEY
Member of Congress